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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

At 2:00 p.m. today, the Placer County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Secret Service will hold a press conference on the arrest and evidence seized in a major identity theft ring.

The suspect arrested Friday afternoon, Tien Trong Nguyen, obtained victims' personal information through "PHISHING," a criminal activity that sends fraudulent "pop up" internet messages to acquire sensitive information, such as passwords and credit card details. Nguyen remains in custody at the Placer County Jail, awaiting an arraignment.

Detectives will discuss ways citizens can protect themselves from this type of fraud. The press conference will be held in the second-floor conference room of the Placer County Sheriff's Office, 11500 A Avenue, Dewitt Center, in Auburn.

This press release is available on the Placer County Sheriff's website at <http://www.placer.ca.gov/sheriff>.